

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~44~~16, further comprising forming each of said depressions as hemispherical in shape.

16. (Currently amended) A method of forming a plurality of perforations in a concavely curved domed portion of a vent disc, which comprises:

forming a plurality of upwardly extending depressions in an undersurface of said domed portion while leaving a residual of said domed portion above each of said depressions, said depressions each having a centerline, each of said centerlines of said depressions being coincident with a radius that forms a concave curvature of said domed portion; and

forming a slit through each said residual, said slits being resealable and each having a centerline, each of said centerlines of said slits being formed coincident to a corresponding one of said centerlines of said depressions, wherein said slits have a width of about 0.040 to about 0.080 inches, said domed portion being elastomeric, said domed portion having 35 to 60 of said slits, each of said slits being in a pattern on said domed portion having a series of 12 radial extensions, each radial extension of said series of 12 radial extensions being

separated by an angle of 30° and each of said series of 12 radial extensions
having an equal number of said slits, and all of said slits are on said series of 12
radial extensions.

17 - 24. (Cancelled)

25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 16, wherein said slits have a width of about 0.058 to about 0.062 inch.

26. (Previously presented) The method of claim 25, wherein said slits have a width about 0.060 inch.

27. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 16, wherein said step of forming said slits is effected by piercing said domed portion of said vent disc with blades that have an elongated cutting edge formed by angular surfaces.

28. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 27, wherein said angular surfaces are disposed at an angle of about 40 degrees.

29. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 27, wherein said step of forming said slits is effected by driving said blades completely through said residual of said domed portion of said vent disc.

30 – 42. (Cancelled)

43. (New) A method according to claim 16, wherein each radial extension has at least 3 slits.

44. (New) A method according to claim 16, wherein each slit is disposed perpendicular to said radial extension.